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1. THE AMERICAN CONTRIBUTION TO THE AIRLIFT OF EVACUEES FROM DARWIN AFTER CYCLONE AND THE LIFTING OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT TO DARWIN RECEIVED GOOD PUBLICITY KEEPING IN MIND USAF CARRIED ONLY SOME SIX PER CENT EVACUEES. SYDNEY MORNING HERALD, DAILY TELEGRAPH, MELBOURNE AGE, SUN-HEARLD AND FINANCIAL REVIEW ALL MENTIONED STARLIFTERS IN ONE OR MORE ARTICLES, UNDOUBTEDLY THERE WERE ALSO MANY STORIES IN PAPERS EMBASSY DOES NOT SEE REGULARLY. AUSTRALIAN CARRIED FEATURE STORY (WITH PHOTO) ON A C-141 EVACUEE FLIGHT FROM DARWIN. SEVERAL OTHER PHOTOS OF STARLIFTERS SHOWING MASSIVE CARGO DOORS OPEN. WOMEN'S WEEKLY, LARGEST SELLING MAGAZINE IN AUSTRALIA, CARRIED LARGE FULL PAGE COLOR PHOTO OF PASSENGERS BOARDING C-141.

2. TV AND RADIO COVERAGE FREQUENT AS C-141 IS VERY PHOTOGENIC AIRCRAFT.

3. LETTER IN MELBOURNE AGE QUOTE IN THE PERIOD OF THE PAST THIRTY YEARS WE HAVE SEEN TIME AND AGAIN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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USA PARTICIPATE IN A MOST GENEROUS WAY TO AID VICTIMS

OF NATIONAL DISASTERS IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.
LET US NOT FOOL OURSELVES WHO ARE OUR TRUE FRIENDS
IN A DIVIDED WORLD. ALL I CAN SAY IS THANK YOU
UNCLE SAM. UNQUOTE

4. ON JANUARY 3 AMBASSADOR GREEN MET WITH AMERICAN
FIELD SERVICE STUDENTS, A NUMBER OF WHOM SAID THAT
THEIR HOST FAMILIES REMARKED WITH GRATITUDE ON THE
QUICK AMERICAN REACTION TO CALL FOR HELP.

5. STORY OF NUMBER PASSENGERS (ABOVE NORMAL LOAD)
CARRIED BY C-141'S GOOD, ONE FLIGHT CARRIED 320
VERSUS NORMAL 154, BUT NEWSWISE IT PALED COMPARED TO
700 PASSENGERS CARRIED ON ONE 747 FLIGHT.

6. USIS ISSUED RELEASE ON COMPLETION OF USAF FLIGHTS
AS WELL AS INTERIM RELEASE AFTER FOURTH FLIGHT.

7. DURING TEN MISSIONS FLOWN BY C-141'S, THEY TOOK
602,869 LBS OF CARGO TO DARWIN AND CARRIED 1122
PASSENGERS (98 PERCENT FROM DARWIN). HEAVY LIFT OF
EQUIPMENT TO DARWIN WAS GREAT CONTRIBUTION AS
STARLIFTER COULD TAKE EQUIPMENT MANY OTHER AIRCRAFT
COULD NOT. SPEED WITH WHICH USAF RESPONDED TO GOA
APPEAL WAS SPLENDID. FIRST SUPPLY MISSION LEFT LESS
THAN 19 HOURS AFTER APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE RECEIVED
FROM GOA.
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